## STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; every year, National Homeownership Month is observed during the month of June as a time to encourage homeownership, celebrate its many benefits, and call attention to the institutional barriers that persist and prevent many Americans from buying a home; and

WHEREAS; homeownership provides strength and stability to neighborhoods and communities across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; we acknowledge that homeownership is not currently accessible to every Wisconsinite, and that economic inequality, discriminatory lending practices, and a shortage of affordable housing have resulted in a housing market that disadvantages low-income communities and communities of color, in particular; and

WHEREAS; addressing barriers to homeownership is critical if we want to create a state and country where all individuals and families can achieve economic stability, build wealth, and—most importantly—have a roof over their heads; and

WHEREAS; Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin recognizes the deeply rooted connection between homeownership and security, prosperity, and independence, and, as such, works to achieve its vision of "a world where everyone has a decent place to live"; and

WHEREAS; for nearly 40 years, Habitat for Humanity local affiliates have been partnering with hardworking, low-income Wisconsin families to create affordable homeownership opportunities throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins housing organizations across the public and private sectors, including Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin, in celebrating the tremendous benefits of homeownership and working towards affordable and sustainable homeownership for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as

## NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

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Secretary of State